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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows prior to substantive examination.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 1 and 2 with the following paragraph:

A1
Figure 14a is a diagram of one manufacturing process for producing detection articles in accordance with the present invention.

Please add the following new paragraph:

A2
Figure 14b is an enlarged view of a portion of the process shown in Figure 14a.

A version of the amended paragraph marked to show the changes made is provided on a separate sheet.